

Miami Dade County

Transportation Management Center (TMC)

Functionality Study



**TPC Meeting
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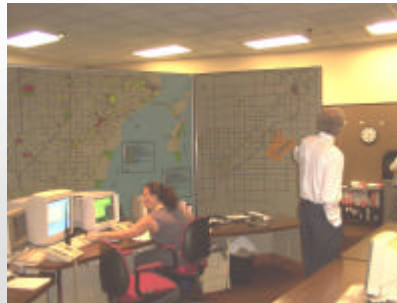


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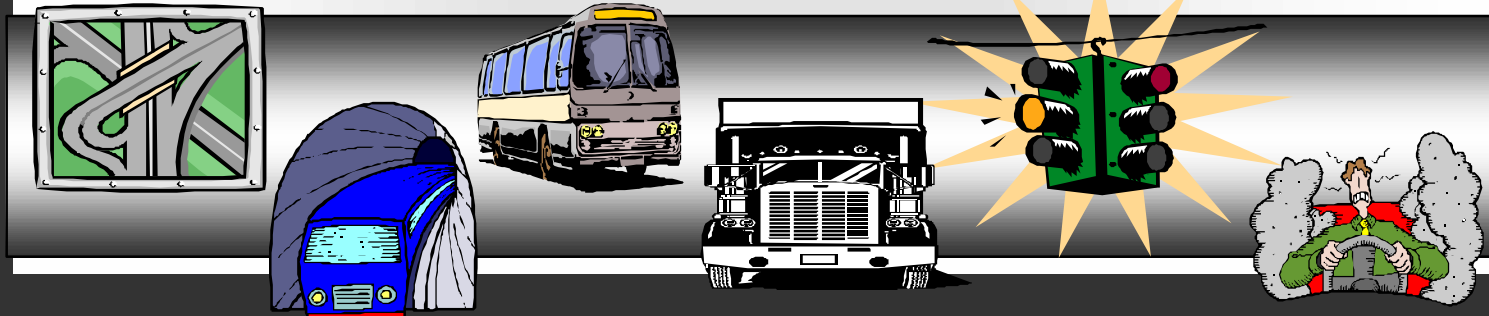
- Inventory Existing Centers
- Study TMC Functionalities
- Case Studies – Lessons Learned
- Investigate Co-location Opportunities
- Recommend Future Actions

A TMC is a central facility for ...

- Monitoring
- Controlling
- Managing



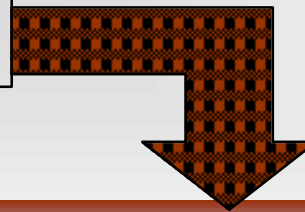
Transportation Systems



A TMC performs by...

Integration of ...

- **Software**
- **Central Hardware**
- **Field equipment**



into a complete Unified System

Miami-Dade County – Existing Centers for Transportation

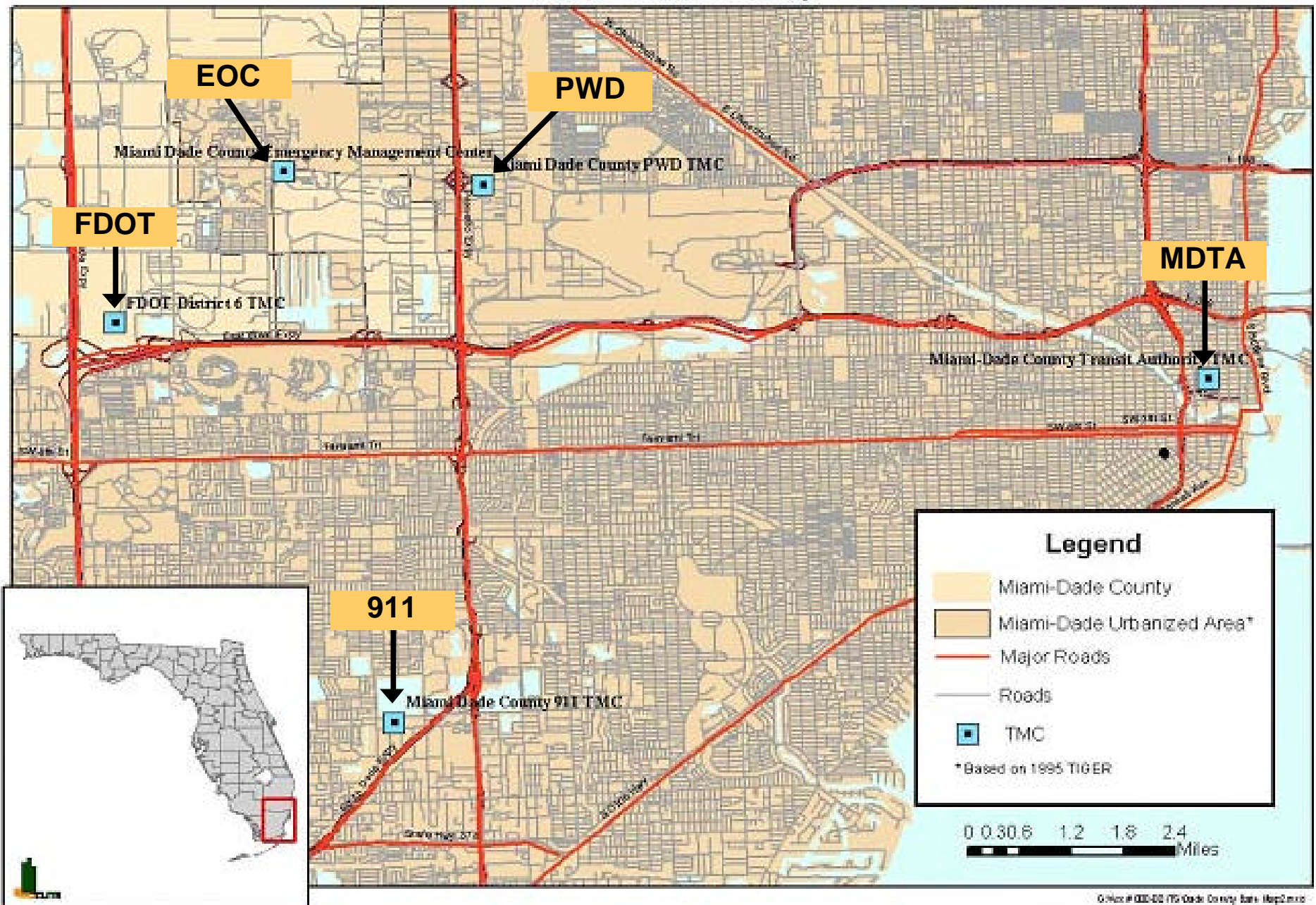
➤ **Agency Specific**

- FDOT District 6 TMC
- County Traffic Control Center
- County Emergency Operations
- Miami-Dade Transit
- County Police – 911 Center

➤ **Information Service Provider (ISP)**

- SmartTraveler

Transportation Management Centers Miami-Dade County



Miami-Dade County – Existing Centers for Transportation

➤ **FDOT District 6 TMC**

- 24 hrs/day, Monday through Friday; FHP handles service patrol on weekends
- 8 employees, plus students from FIU
- Coverage includes I-95 and US 1 Corridor
- Connected to FHP dispatch in real time
- Field devices: 27 CCTV, 4 VMS, 16 detector stations, 25 AVI equipped Road Ranger vehicles; additional devices planned
- New \$6m (32,000 SF) TMC building by Mid-2002; FDOT/FHP co-location planned

Miami-Dade County – Existing Centers for Transportation

➤ Miami-Dade PW Traffic Control Center

- 17 hrs/day, 7 days/week; 5000 SF
- 13 employees at center
- Field device: 2020 signals
- No automated information gathering or sharing
- Telephone contact with FDOT; Fiber or leased line connection w/FDOT planned
- Plans to expand in 3 years

Miami-Dade County – Existing Centers for Transportation

➤ **Emergency Operations Center (EOC)**

- 7 am to 5 pm M-F, 24/7 in emergencies
- 22,000 SF; 17 employees
- Located in the Fire and Rescue Headquarters
- Maintain emergency preparedness: evacuation, safety, sheltering
- Monitor (automated) Turkey Point Nuclear Power Plant
- Information dissemination via blast faxing (thru e-mail)
- Like to receive FDOT Videos

Miami-Dade County – Existing Centers for Transportation

➤ **Miami-Dade Transit Agency (MDTA)**

- Central Control Center: 24/7, 365 days a year
- Operates MetroRail, Metro Bus, MetroMover, and Special Transportation Services (STS)
- CAD/AVL for buses
- Operates customer information center for traveler information
 - Menu driven telephone information
- Plans are underway for providing dynamic schedule information to public

Miami-Dade County – Existing Centers for Transportation

➤ County Police and 911 Center

- 24 hours/7days
- CAD system upgrade is planned
- County 911 responds to calls to Police and Fire departments
- Currently no video sharing with FDOT
- Contact with transportation via telephone
- participates in the Critical Incident Management committee with FDOT and FHP

Miami-Dade County – Existing Centers for Transportation

➤ Findings

- Very little sharing of information (data, video) in real-time
- No formal plan among TMCs to implement compatible systems
- TMCs are interested in sharing videos
- TMCs want to doing and providing more

TMCs Nationwide – Increasing Trend of...

- **Regionwide Systems Integration**
- **Multi-agency Operations Co-location**
 - Houston TranStar TMC
 - Atlanta NaviGator TMC
 - New York City Joint TMC
 - Many Others
- **Multi-agency Coordination**
 - Face to Face
 - Electronic

Example – Houston TranStar TMC

➤ **Houston Metro Area**

- Multi-agency Co-location
 - Texas DOT (Freeways)
 - Harris County (Arterials)
 - Houston Metro (Transit Dispatch)
 - City of Houston (Local Streets)
 - Law Enforcement (Incident Management)
 - Media Booth On-site
- Multi-agency Coordination
 - In One Large Room

Example – New York City Joint TMC

➤ New York City Area

- Multi-agency Co-location
 - New York State DOT (Freeways)
 - New City DOT (City Arterials and Streets)
 - New York City Police
- Multi-agency Coordination
 - In Adjacent Rooms
 - Electronic Via TRANSCOM Regional Architecture

TMCs Nationwide – Lessons Learned...

- **Increasing Benefits from Systemwide Integration**
- **Multi-agency Co-location Works**
- **Multi-agency Co-location has Challenges**
 - Institutional Challenges – Most Critical
 - Technological Challenges – Less Critical
- **Need a Regional TMC Concept of Operations**

Conclusions

- On-site physical presence Freeway Management and Law Enforcement is beneficial
- On-site physical presence of Freeway Management and Arterial Management should not be ruled out
- On-site physical presence of Emergency Management is beneficial but not necessary

Conclusions

- On-site physical presence of Transit Dispatch in a regional TMC may be desirable but not necessary
- On-site physical presence of Media is Beneficial
- Consider developing a regional electronic information exchange network.

Conclusions

➤ **Develop a Regional TMC Concept of Operations**

- Key Elements
 - Systems
 - Participating Agency Responsibilities
 - Operational Facility Needs
 - Integration and Testing
 - Operations and Maintenance
 - Procurement
 - Training and Documentation
- This TMC Study is a First Step